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Surf Side with John Fritz

Sticky Feet

Have you ever wondered how some surf fishermen are able to perch precariously on slippery rocks with relative ease? Then there are the other guys who have one heck of a time maintaining their balance when the dew is heavier than usual.

The next time you are under the light at the big "M" check the feet of those around you. No not the guys in slacks and sneakers with their one-handed ultra-light sticks. Some will have on store bought sandals but on others you will have to look closer. Specifically at the soles of their boots. Many knowledgeable surf nuts who fish rocky areas or jetties are avoiding wearing the cumbersome sandals by gluing felt on the soles of their waders.

I started out using sandals and while they do the job for which they are designed, I find there are several disadvantages. Sandals contribute added weight which is not needed if you are walking any distance. The fastening straps on mine did not last very long before they broke. This event in itself is no big deal because new straps can be improvised, if you are near your car and have some old straps or laces available. Break a strap while you are waded out in the surf and chances are you'll lose the sandal. Anyone need a left-footed sandal?

Since this is another piece of equipment to be remembered they can readily be left behind. Lastly, anyone overweight will find them hard to put on when fully dressed.

Sandals cost approximately $17.00. They have the one big advantage of being able to be worn with different waders. Whereas if the waders with the felt glued on become irreparable you will have to go through the whole process again.

The task in itself is relatively easy, the major problem is in obtaining the necessary felt. While there are many outfits which deal in this general product the felt required for this specific purpose is hard to come by. After several searches around the metropolitan area I came up with two companies that carry the felt we require.

The first is the Mechanical Felt Company located at 44 Fadam Road, Springfield New Jersey. The felt needed for our purpose, numbered by this company as Style 32S1. The information I received was for ¼" thickness felt so if you desire a greater thickness you will

have to call for their prices. This felt is expensive, for a 36" x 36" piece at the cost of $77.40. When you break it down to covering a pair of waders the price becomes a little better. You should get nine pairs of soles out of one sheet costing about $8.60 a pair. Naturally, an individual will not need all nine pairs, at least for several years. It would be sensible to try to get together with some friends and split the material and cost.

In a talk with Tony Mariani of the above company, he told me that, "They would split the sheet for a slight cutting fee." Orders will be shipped COD, all you have to do is phone Mr. Mariani at area code 201-467-8686 and place your order.

The second company that carries our needs is a little closer, located at 22 West 15th St., New York City, New York. Oh! The name of the company is Continental Felt Company. Their style number is 1547 or you can use the SAE #F1 when ordering. The thickness available ranges from 1/8" to 1¼", but more about that later.

Prices are computed by pound: from 1-9 pounds the cost is $8.25 per pound; 10-49 pounds at $7.20; 50-99 pounds at $6.75 to over 100 pounds for $6.25.

The cost of one yard which they measure at 60" x 36" in ¼" thickness is about $57.75 which according to my figures will give you about 15 pairs at the cost of $3.85 per pair. Why the big difference in price between these two companies I don't know.

The next step might be painful to you

I was told payment in advance is required if mailing is requested. Since the weights of each piece varies slightly, I would call them at area code 212 WA 9-5262 before placing an order. The chart they gave me lists the weight of one yard of 3/8" felt at 10½ pounds while one yard of ½" felt is 14 pounds.

A few words should be mentioned about using the various thicknesses. The quarter inch thickness is what I put on my waders and I found that they wore relatively fast on the heels. I was told by Continental that most fishermen purchase the ½ inch felt. A buddy of mine, Don, who has been doing this longer than me, in fact he taught me, prefers the 3/8" thickness. The half inch thick felt is naturally the longer lasting, but it is more difficult to apply over a curved boot sole. Taking all factors into consideration my next choice will be the 3/8 inch thickness.

After obtaining your felt, go to a shoe repair store and get yourself some Barge Cememt. There may be some other products around which will work. These I haven't tried so I can't advise you about them. Barge Cement, if applied by the correct method will do the job and not peel off after repeated use.

Before we go any further, I must warn you that the label on the can says, "Not to be used on Vinyl," so if your boots are of this synthetic material you are out of luck unless you find a substitute adhesive.

but it is of vital importance. Turn your

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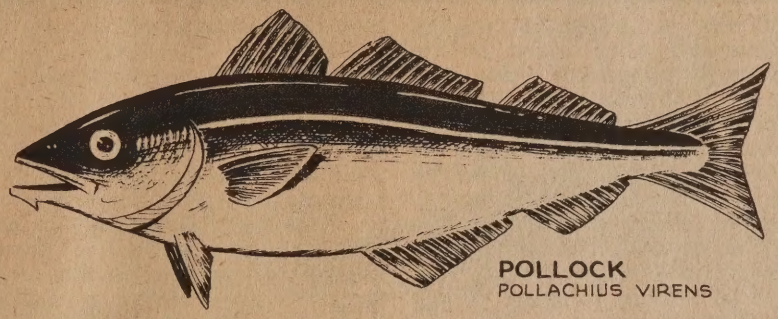
Fish Talk
with Dr. W.A. Muller

POLLACK
Pollachius virens


POLLOCK
POLLACHIUS VIRENS

POLLACK, Boston bluefish, greencod and in years past they were called coal-fish. The pollack is the most active member of 23 species in the cod family. It will chase baitfish to the surface at times and can be taken using light spinning tackle with bucktails and tins.

ALTHOUGH SCHOOLS OF large fish are only seen occasionally, large schools of small fish can be seen "milling" at the surface. The behavior is a slow circular motion of a tightly packed school. At such times they appear much like a school of mossbunker.

POLLACK EAT MANY types of small bait, but appear to be especially fond of sandeels, herring, small mossbunker, and young codfish.

LIKE ALL CODS AND HAKES, pollack have three dorsal fins and two anal fins, and lack a connection between the throat and air bladder.

THEY HAVE A GREEN BACK, prominent white lateral line, small chin barbel, projecting lower jaw.

THEY RANGE FROM THE Saint Lawrence to Virginia on the west side of the Atlantic and as far south as France on the European side.

MOST POLLACK WILL BE less than 15 pounds, but many specimens are greater than 30 pounds which are taken each year, and the species can probably reach weights in excess of 50 or 60 pounds and a length of 3 to 4 feet or more.

IN THE 1960's, about fifteen million pounds of pollack were taken annually. It is impossible to estimate how many pounds per year have been taken by eastern European fishing trawlers in recent years.

THEY SPAWN IN winter on the Continental Shelf. They lay buoyant eggs and are very prolific with most female fish depositing hundreds of thousands of eggs. However, a twenty three pound female, three feet, three inches long contained 4,209,200 ripe eggs. It is possible that another batch of eggs might have developed after these were deposited.

MOST FISHERMEN WHO have not caught pollack before are surprised by the strong runs and power of them. Occasionally, when caught close to the surface, they may jump and shake like a bluefish.

POLLACK ARE NOT very abundant at the present time. They apparently run in cycles much like other gamefish such as bass, blues and weakfish. These cycles appear to be about 20 to 30 years.

IN THE 1950's, Montauk enjoyed a hot run of fish each June. Diamond jiggers and wire-line trollers scored well at these times. Most action occurs in tide rips.

LAST YEAR, however, there was a good run of large pollack at Montauk, but the fish were not taken close to Montauk itself and the tide-rips were empty. But the waters near Block Island were "hot" for about two weeks in late May.

THE OCCURENCE OF POLLACK at Block Island seems consistent with fairly good fishing for bluefish, and bass in those waters while the inshore rips remained quiet.

SURF FISHERMEN used to take quite a few pollack from the Montauk surf in November, but as far as I know, not a single fish has been taken in the surf in recent years.

SOME ANGLERS FIND the pollack poor table fare arguing that they are oily. But I have caught pollack on several occasions and I have found them to be delicious.

IN YEARS PAST when pollack were abundant it was known as a captain's fish. This is a business term that recognizes that when the pollack are "in", the fishing season gets off to an early start and a late conclusion. Thus, the pollack helps to guarantee a successful season.

POLLACK ARE frequently taken on clam baits by cod-fishermen on offshore wrecks and reefs. However, when a large body of pollack are located many anglers will switch to diamond jigs.

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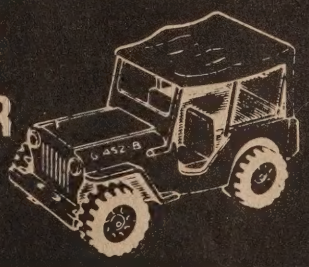
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CONSERVATION COMMENTS *by Al Ristori*

The December 1, 1976 public hearings at Centereach, Long Island on the Preliminary Management Plans, prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) turned out to be a real "hum-dinger!" Over 100 interested fishermen (both sport and commercial) gathered to fully express their feelings on the plans, some of which appear to be excessively generous to the very foreign fleets that are responsible for the precipitous decline in many of our marine resources.

Every Premiminary Management Plan (PMP) was attacked, with those involving red and silver hake (ling and whiting), mackerel and other "finfish" taking most of the abuse. Unfortunately the NMFS scientists presting the Plans weren't used to dealing with such large crowds and had a difficult time trying to defend PMP's that, in some cases, they may not have agreed with themselves. For instance, the summary of the mackerel PMP indicated that American scientists had recommended a zero quota, while the actual quota set forth is 55,000 metric tons (5,000 tons domestic and 50,000 tons foreign.) The Plan further stipulates that, while the zero quota should result in an improvement of the mackerel population, the 55,000 ton quota will simply maintain the status quo—already a sad situation. This left the NMFS scientists, who had already recommended a zero quota, in the position of defending a 55,000 ton quota simply because they are government employees and were obliged to do so. The best they could do was emphasize that the foreign quota was only about one fifth of what they have been catching.

The proposed quota does represent a large reduction in the foreign catch, but that isn't sufficient justification for permitting continued foreign fishing for a species that has been depleted by 96 percent since the late sixties. The 200 mile limit bill was designed to aid American fishermen by bringing back depleted species as quickly as possible. Foreign fishing should only be permitted on species where there is a legitimate surplus and this most certainly doesn't apply to the severely reduced populations of mackerel and herring.

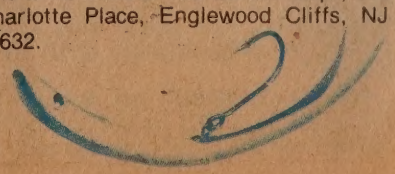
The PMP for red and silver hake also got a going over. While we're currently enjoying good fishing for those species, the attitude among party boat skippers was summarized by Captain Al Lindroth of Freeport, who shouted out, "The ling and whiting are coming back—now they want to let them (the foreign fleets) fish them out again!" Actually, the "window" for ling and whiting in January and February is along the continental shelf and probably won't effect the populations of those species that we fish for in the metropolitan New York area. Once again the scientists didn't seem to be able to get the biological facts across. Indeed, it's surprising that anyone knew what they were talking about. Never once did they mention that red and silver hake are ling and whiting!

Of great and legitimate concern to everyone was the "incidental" catch which is bound to occur in every fishery permitted to the foreign fleet. As noted in my last column, a substantial portion of the mackerel quota is likely to be taken in the hake and squid fisheries that the foreigners will likely be permitted to engage in. Indeed, that "incidental" catch of mackerel is likely to be greater than the combined domestic sport and commercial catch! Just as was the case at previous meetings, in Atlantic City, New Jersey and Newport News, Virginia it was pointed out that some of the windows (areas where directed foreign fishing is permitted at a specific time) overlapped the "banana" areas, which had been off limits to foreigners during specific seasons in order to protect wintering populations of sea bass, porgies and fluke. The NMFS scientists pointed out that "by-catch" is restricted but our fishermen weren't impressed with this assurance. This does appear to be a basic weakness in most of the Plans, especially since gear restrictions (bottom trawls would catch valuable sport and food species, plus lobsters) aren't presently contemplated.

One of the basic problems confronting the audience was a lack of background concerning the relationship between the PMP's prepared by NMFS and the activities of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fisheries Management Council. The December 1, 1976 meeting was held by NMFS to gather public comments on it's PMP's. While many Council members were present (including all four from New York and three from New Jersey), they were there strictly as observers. The Councils have reviewed these Plans and are in the process of commenting on them. However, we will not be writing our plans until after the 200 mile limit becomes effective on March 1, 1977. Furthermore, if we stay in ICNAF, the councils will have no control of the foreign fisheries unless the State Department is able to carry out their announced negotiating position of requiring Council control of the fisheries as a condition of our staying in ICNAF one more year. The State Department position (which corresponds to the Mid-Atlantic Council's recent resolution) is quite acceptable, but one never knows what is apt to be given away when our diplomats get behind closed doors. We'll know how we stand on ICNAF later this month.

The turnout at Centereach was gratifying and I'm sure that the many objections to the PMP's, which have become part of the public record, will have the desired results. The emphasis on the importance of the party and charter boat fisheries was particularly important, as there seems to be scant knowledge of those fisheries at NMFS Northeast Headquarters in Gloucester, Mass. This may well be why the mackerel quota was proposed in the first place—the domestic commercial fishery is so insignificant that little flak was anticipated. However, the sport fishery is of great economic importance and I'm sure they got the word on that!

It's unfortunate that the meetings in Newport News (10) and Atlantic City (9) were so poorly attended. However, the announcements came out just prior to the meetings and received practically no attention in the press. Even Council members were caught short and unable to attend. For instance, I was in Boston the same day as the Atlantic City meeting in order to monitor the State Department briefing on ICNAF. Though the release on the Long Island meeting came out on time, it drew scant attention and attendence would have been poor if Council members hadn't made many calls to interested fishermen and outdoor writers. I can assure you that when the Councils hold public hearings, every attempt will be made to ensure adequate public notice. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me with your opinions and suggestions. Your best bet is to write to me at The Garcia Corp., 110 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632.



HYBRID STRIPERS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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NORLUNGE RESISTANT TO POLLUTION.

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

Start The New Year Right

How did you do fish-wise this year?

If you're like me, you found the spring flounder fishing fair to good, the fluke fishing excellent and sea bass and porgies lingering well into the fall. Weakfishing was good too, although better in some areas than others. Fall flounder fishing ran from poor to fair, again depending upon where you fished, but the excellent fall blackfishing took some of the sting out of it. Offshore fishing satisfied just about everyone.

All in all, it was a pretty good year.

But before you sit back and relax and relive the better trips, have you looked over your gear lately? I mean, really looked it over? Once again, if you're like me, I know you've got one gosh awful mess in your tackle box, to say nothing of dried bits of skimmer and fish scales adhering to various rods, reels and foul weather gear.

Clean it up! Start the New Year right!

Dump that tackle box right out on the table. Have no mercy, separate the wheat from the chaff. You may have doubts about some of the terminal tackle lying there, and if you do that's the sign to dump it in the nearest waste receptacle.

Rust is the fisherman's greatest enemy and if your hooks show signs of this, throw them out. Hooks are cheap; don't lose a good fish because the hook point snapped off due to an unnoticed rust spot. Rust spots on the hook snells? Get rid of them! I lost one of the biggest fluke I've ever seen because of this stupidity. It was years ago, but I often think of that fluke and still rankle at the remembrance.

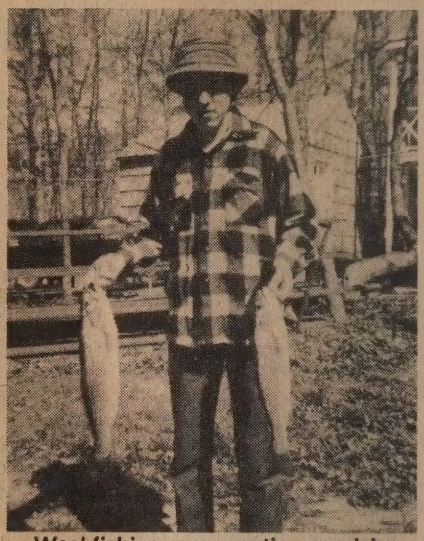
If you have any of those silk-wrapped hooks, don't trust them past the first year of use. In fact, I wouldn't trust them that far. They may look good to the eye, but if they've seen service, take it from me, those wrappings are weak and liable to let go at any time under the strain of an outsized fish. If you see the wrappings are frayed, hesitate no longer. Throw them out!

Those fluke leaders may still be okay, but if they're in twisted, unmanageable coils, I'd think about giving them the deep six too. Nylon monofilament may be one of the greatest fishing aids to come upon the angling scene in years, but its one drawback is its "memory."

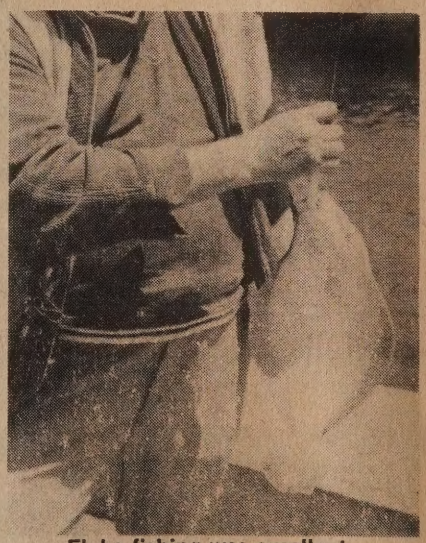
Once allowed to set into a coil, or twist, for any length of time fluke leaders are almost impossible to straighten. They're sure to cause a good deal of grief out on the fishing grounds. Waste no time on any leader that is kinked. You'll never get it out and it's bound to be a potential weak spot.

How about your snaps and swivels? If they're bent and refuse to turn freely in either direction, I'd think about putting in a fresh supply. These little brass or stainless steel gadgets are often called upon to sustain tremendous strain, especially when fighting a good-sized fish. A word to the wise is sufficient.

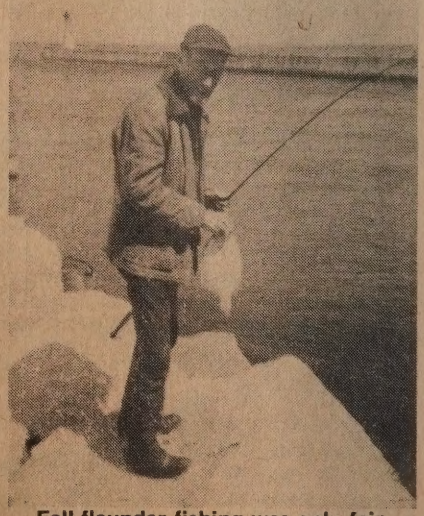
Spring flounder fishing was fair to good.



Weakfishing was erratic...good in some areas, poor in others.



Fluke fishing was excellent.



Fall flounder fishing was only fair, at best.

Now that you've got your terminal tackle under control, it's time to look upon your reel with a jaundiced eye. It's a tribute to American craftsmanship that the abuse often given to a good reel by many unthinking fishermen seems to have no adverse effect on its smooth running operation. But like anything else, there comes a point of no return.

If you've been giving your reel hard usage, look it over carefully. Perhaps all that is needed is a little lubrication and

the tightening of a screw here and there. But if you've noticed some binding occasionally, get at the seat of the trouble right now. If you can't do it yourself, bring it to a tackle shop known to handle your type reel. You can also send it off directly to the manufacturer or his repair agent listed with the literature that came with your reel.

If you do this, be sure to send it off as soon as possible. Don't wait until spring is here and expect to get it back in time for your first flounder trip. Right now is when the repair sections of various reel companies can handle your reel quickly and effeciently, returning it to you in minimum time. Two months from now everyone else will be sending in their tired reels and you're going to have to wait a good long time.

Maybe you'll be lucky and find your reel in tip-top condition, needing no repair at all. Perhaps all you need do is spool on a new monofilament line, or failing this, reverse the used line.

Depending upon how much the line has been used, plus the quality, you should be able to get one more year of fishing from it. But if the line appears to have changed color, seems brittle and feels chafed, or suffers loss of limpness, change it. A new, good quality line is cheap insurance, especially when miles away from the nearest tackle store.

Your rod should be gone over carefully. Rewrap any loose guide windings or have it done. Check the ferrules, reel seat and tip top guide for looseness. Ferrule cement will quickly repair this trouble. Sometimes all that is needed is to reheat the cement around the effected parts with a match.

Pay particular attention to the tip top. Look carefully for grooves here. This is a sign of excessive wear from the hard monofilament line—it also means you've caught a lot of fish over the years. Replace the grooved guide with one of carboloy. You may pay a few pennies more, but your guide troubles will be over for good. One hitch here, though, treat the new guide with care. Don't drop the rod on a hard surface. If you do, the guide is very apt to break.

It won't hurt to go over your foul weather gear. Look for weak spots that may cause future rips and tears under the hard useage this clothing undergoes. Washing to remove bits of dried skimmer, mummified worms, fish scales and bunker chum is a good idea. The distaff member of your family is sure to appreciate this thoughtfulness, too.

Last, but not least, I'd wash out the tackle box with soapy water and dry thoroughly. Neatly replace all the items you need in their own compartments. I can guarantee they'll stay that way until you go on your first trip...at least for five minutes.

Now that all this is done, you really can relax and enjoy envisioning all those coming trips, knowing full well that come what may you've started the New Year right.

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NIGHT JACKING

by Capt. John C. Henning

Did you ever try to stick a fish? There are lots of ways, many fish, ample time, but, oh, that old weather condition.

The weather cannot be changed by me but the rest of the problems can be solved, almost. The easy part is time; we all have plenty of that, right. We're retired, or out of work with little to do. The kids don't need our attention, the wife has run out of "honey-do" projects, ha! the perfect time is at night. While the smart people sleep, the seekers of the deep weep. Why is the tide so high? Will that wind ever stop? Where the heck are all those boats coming from? There simply has to be a corner which I never have turned where they issue boats to all genuine nuts. I had to buy mine, that makes me super nuts.

The perfect time is the right tide which can be high or low, depending on your area and the fish sought. An example would be Port Jefferson. Here we may run 8 feet in tide and it sure becomes difficult to see anything once that tide rises. Let's look at the other side of the Island. The Great South Bay flats may leave you high and dry waiting for the next high tide. Neither is much fun.

To predict the correct time for our little venture simply depends on where; the question of when is then self-answered. Little or absolutely no wind, a dark night with the usual luck, round out the time.

One of our quarry will be the eel. These seem to be the stock and trade of the "jacker", but you are not limited to these slimy, wiggly and bad tempered antagonists. Did you ever try to find one at night with one hand holding the flashlight and the other moving this way and that? After this overgrown worm is in the can, the best part of that little adventure is to come. Here comes our nutty friend charging down the bay and as we run for our lanterns, we slip on this creature's ever-present slime, his little gift to us for that tiny hole in his hide.

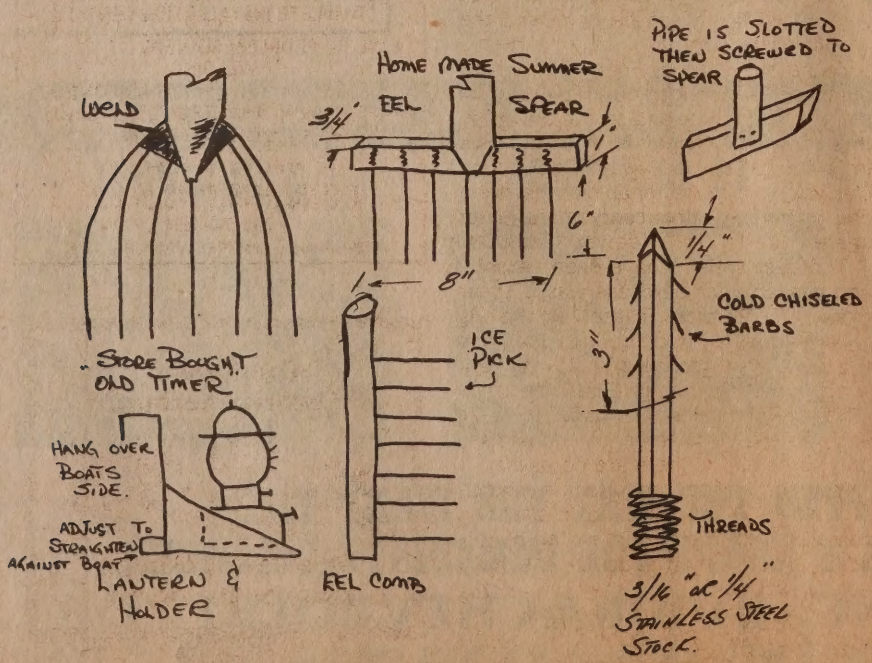
For sure the eel isn't the only stomach stuffer we are after, however, he is one of the most plentiful and easier to spear. He lays on the bottom sleeping, that is, we think he's sleeping, but try to hit him and all of a sudden there is a trail of mud where our next slip and slide was. Those that lay on top of seaweed are for the most part calling us names. You drift up to him carefully, plan your shot and, you guessed , he was two feet off the bottom and simply slides down and away. Presently, the one we are after comes swimming along. For reasons science could explain better than I, a moving target, as long as it's below supersonic speeds, is easier to hit. You seem to lead him and second guess better when his general speed and direction are known.

Eels lend themselves to all areas but leafy, weedy and a sand mud mixed bottom seem best. That soft yuchh where nothing grows is just that.... nothing, so stay away. You can push and pull yourself to exhaustion, every time you push away you pull yourself back, removing your spear, net or oar. Try edges of channels and the little creeks, streams and run offs.

While you drift with this channel current our flat friends may give you the eye. Yep, that's all you see sometimes, so keep a look for the fish's impression laying on the bottom. We naturally won't spear anything smaller than the 14" limit, so let's set our sights on at least 16". (Water magnifies) and remember to spear in the head. That's the part with those eyes looking at you. Your spear barbs will hold much better here and there will be more of those juicy fillets without the muddy holes to eat later on. Those sandy banks leading up to the drainage ditches and shallow creeks hold more fluke than you will ever imagine. I've speared many a fluke in 4" of water.

The flounder is another creature which makes good table fare. Don't worry about eyes here. This friendly fish will stand out much darker than fluke and will rarely be buried. A fluke will look tan, a flounder usually black. Pay close attention to the sightings, and after a few, oh shucks! That was a flounder, or a darn it, he's too small, you'll have it down pat. If you lose a few shots, the experience will put you in good stand, and your conscience will feel better.

Next to eels and flounders, the blue claw crab stands out best. Perhaps this, my most favorite food, appears best in the water. He, or is it a she, after all, this is a crab: "going out again tonight, I'm here all alone with the kids, you never take me anywhere, oh heck, you've got nothing to wear anyway", so back to our crabbing. The crabs white face sure is a pretty sight. It's a strange thing, so often crabs will dart off to be lost during the day but that creature at night only moves a short distance, usually not even out of the lighted perimeter. So you miss once, you will get another chance as long as you don't over hurry and stir up the



muddy bottom.

As our eyes become sharper, we'll see some crabs buried in the mud, here again, the white face smiles for us and she once again falls prey to our net. Some experts net crabs in deep water as they swim by. However, if you want the yummies in the pot, take to the flats and net the best of what you see. Never take more than can be used or smaller than is reasonable. That sauce pot has been a laugh and source of abuse of our fishes for too long. The sauce will be so much better with higher quality meat, not shells.

The occasional other visitors to the glow of your lights will include stripers, weaks, blues, kingfish, blowfish, porgies and seabass. If I left out any, I'm sorry, with one exception. That beautiful speedy flash of a snapper. No matter how fast I may be I'm just too slow to match wits with the blue silver flash. All other local fishes will make themselves known one night or another. Be ready and you'll probably miss fewer than me, but then you are all experts now.

We have covered pretty much the fish, the time and the weather, but the "ways" still require definition. There are probably as many ways as there are jack lighters. However, there are some who score higher and perhaps those partly filled buckets can be supplemented with a little more "how it's done" from me.

First, there is the sticker. The "stickee" doesn't much care about this part of it, but there are better spears to be had or let's say made, than others. The commercially purchased spear with single large barbs are a waste of time and fish flesh. They are good for holding the popular dogfish, but let's see you land an eel with one. Unless your luck runs higher than mine, few fish will be caught on this type of spear. We really have little choice since many, or perhaps all, of the "old timers" who made hand forged spears have gone to that blitz in the sky. There are some of us out there who have gone to that blitz in the sky. There are some of us out there who have an old forged wrought iron job and, pal, you are most fortunate.

I have come to the point of making my own. These work well, but few of us will go through this process. The results, however, made it well worthwhile. You start by drilling and tapping a bar of aluminum or stainless steel. Now you thread the end of proper size 3/16 or 1/4" rod. These will then be screwed into this pre-wrapped bar. So far the few tools needed can be purchased with a reasonable amount of bucks. Here is where we will separate the workers from the crabbers. They simply purchase crab nets.

You must file the round stock into square stock or square stock into round. This will afford you the sharp edges 90 degree angle to chisel the barb into which will hold our squirming friends. Oh yes, don't forget the point of the matter, not too long but extremely sharp. That is until the first rock is proudly pierced. Forget them—they don't even go into the sauce. Well, anyway we have an awful lot of hand work to do but it can be done and the enjoyment is worth it.

A handle holder can be either purchased and welded on, or one can be made, using a pipe and screw answer to this problem. Weight is important, so let's not get carried away. One's arms can become weary after all night pushing and pulling with this conglomeration of spear and 14' dowel handle.

The best spear I have seen recently and available for purchase was a spear made using ice picks. These, like the one I have explained to be built by you, has the capacity to change a broken or bent tong. The Rutherig Boat Yard in Lindenhurst carries this model. It looks and acts similar to an eel combo and my only complaint is there are no barbs.

You possibly can adapt some method of tempering and chiseling in barbs to come up with the perfect match of this spear to our finny friends. Let me say if eels are your only game they will usually wrap themselves around the spear long enough to boat. Simply hold fish to the

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The Long Island FISHERMAN

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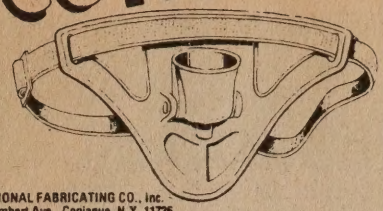
The Long Island Fisherman Litter Box Contest gives our readers a chance of winning a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the better bait and tackle centers and pick up an L.I.F. Litter Box for the rear window of your car. Each week the license number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, call The Fisherman by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received, the cash prize will accumulate.



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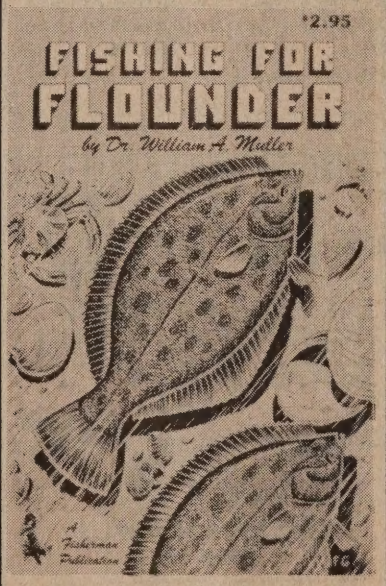

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bottom a few seconds to give them gift wrapping time. However, I don't approve of the wounding and loosing method and assure you the rest of the fish will swim, squirm or slip off this type of spear unless the proper barbs are chiseled in.

Sand, mud and rocks will soon wear the barbs off or even bend them over. Each time check out the business end of the spear and replace either by re-chiseling barbs or replace prong entirely. That gleam in your eye will indicate satisfaction in your devilish intent and signal a properly sharpened spear.

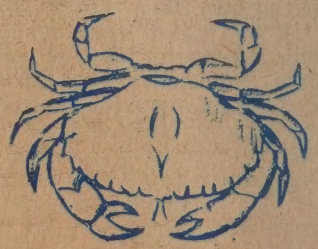
A local lumber yard will furnish the proper handle. 1 1/8" to 1¼" diameter is proper and 14 to 16 feet will reach out to the furthest opponent. Sand handle carefully and purhaps tape to ensure those delicate hands we all love to shake. These long poles give off the meanest, longest and most fearsome splinters you ever had the misfortune to possess.

Your boat is going to do this job whether it's the best or worst, so let's just say the old, flat bottom wooden rowboat of yesteryear is very good for this fun. It draws the least water, lends itself better to the abuse it will receive and is fairly stable due to the flat bottom. The 14' Boston Whaler is perhaps stable the finest of yachts for this and cleans up well later.

We have our spear, boat, how about the lights. Coleman is the only company to make a pressurized kerosene lantern that I know of. Mind you, kerosene, not gasoline. Kerosene is safer and yields 500 kindle power versus 250 for gasoline. It gives off a true white light which does not turn the water a tobacco brown color as the gasoline light does. This is really the best reason of all for using this type of lantern; but you and I will have fun trying to purchase these, since Coleman has all but discontinued the manufacture of same. I've been able to have a few specially ordered for me and hope it was not the last of a good product. The replacement parts are difficult to obtain and a spare generator and mantels should be purchased in advance of the actual time of need. These should be stored away on board so a night is not lost due to a broken mantel.

A holder of some type to hold these overboard should also be considered by us. One that clamps to the side of the boat and lets the lantern sit in it is perfect. Another method is to rig up a pole and hook arrangement to hold the lantern by the steel wire handle furnished with the lantern. This works but swings too much. Some sort of shield or reflector around the globe helps protect one's eyes from the bright light and aims the light into desired area. Aluminum foil lends itself perfectly to this and the price is right.

A bucket for eels, likewise crabs (don't mix them), oh yes, a softy may also be surprised by us, so that makes 3 containers. What, nothing for our fluke, well, we can mix the flounder, blows and whatever in this one so we now have 4 cans. A few rags and by no means don't go too skimpy on that wooden bat to put our slimy friends in their place. A little coffee, like a gallon extra, warm clothes in a plastic bag, bug spray, ha!, and company are all good ideas. Don't forget the Coast Guard wants proper operating lights, life preservers, the fire extinguishers (a good idea with gas and kerosene on board), and you want an anchor, flashlight and some sort of signal flare for your safety afloat. A compass is a good, dear friend even on clear nights and the old, loving crab at home can be the most important ingredient to this or any other night of fun on the water. We now have about everything we need to go forth and fill our dreamboat with mud, eel grass and slime.



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by Joseph B. Furst

At last the great moment arrives. You have gone to the right place at the right time, used the right lure with the proper technique, fished at the right depth, and now the fish is on your line. Playing him carefully and well, you finally struggle him into the boat.

After a moment's jubilation you remove the hook, toss the fish into a well or some container, and start thinking of the next strike. And if you are like most of us, some or many hours later you will clean this fish as fast as possible and dump it in the kitchen.

What happened here is that you used all your cunning and effort toward catching your fish, and almost none at all in keeping it properly. It will taste good when cooked, but will not be nearly so delicious as if you had used more skill and effort in handling it after it was caught.

Fish spoils very quickly. Within an hour, if left over 60 degrees, the taste will commence to deteriorate. It will not be obviously spoiled for perhaps 12-18 hours, but long before this it will have lost that indescribable taste of really fresh fish.

Placing the fish in a live well is not as good as you might think. Many will die there, and are therefore being held at the temperature of the incoming water. Even up north here, in the summer or fall that water may range from 60 to 70 degrees, since it is taken from the top and warmest layer of the water under the boat.

You would never keep fish at home in a refrigerator set at 60 to 70 degrees, and you shouldn't do it on the boat or at the beach either!

For totally delicious fish, I recommend you proceed as follows:

As soon as the fish is in your happy cluthces, knock him on the head, and bleed him, since blood spoils quickest of all. It is convenient to have a "bleeding bucket" on board—simply a tall bucket with a wire grill held a couple inches off its bottom, so that the fish will not get all covered with gore after you slit his throat.

While he is bleeding out, you can get your line back in the water. 10 or 15 minutes later, you throw him into an insulated ice chest with a bag or two of ice cubes. (You can keep these cubes in the bag until a fish arrives. If, heaven forbid, you get skunked, take the bag home unopened, punch a little hole in the bottom, drain the water out, and throw it in the freezer till your next adventure.)

Keep your fish **ice cold** till you clean them. The cleaning process I recommend is somewhat more detailed then customary, but when you taste your fish cleaned in this manner, you'll decide it was well worth the extra efforts.

The first step is to cut off the tail and all fins with shears, so that scaling is easier and all surfaces can be reached. The fish is then scaled carefully with a serrated scaler. If you do this with the fish lying on top of an old refrigerator wire tray, the scales fall thru the spaces and the fish does not lie in an accumulated mess of scales, slime and gore. After the scales are off, it pays to scrape the skin hard with a sharp knife. You will be surprised at the amount of small scales and especially the slime that this removes. When you eat the fish later, you will be even more surprised and pleased with the taste of that skin. It will be just delicious, and not "fishy" at all.

Next, open the body cavity with an extremely sharp knife, and attempt not to slit the intestine or bile ducts. If any fecal matter or brown bile is spilled into the abdominal cavity, wipe it out immediately, otherwise the meat will be contaminated by these flavors in only a few minutes. After taking out the innards, remove all the "blood" along both sides of the backbone. That isn't only blood, it's also the fish's kidney. Kidney has a strong taste and spoils quickly in storage. The perfect tool to do this job, incidentally, is a curved and serrated grapefruit coring knife, which you can get for less than a dollar.

You have now cleaned and scaled the fish. I personally hate to see fish filleted, for 2 reasons. The first being the marked waste of meat. The second is my belief that cooking the fish with skin on and bones left in actually improves the taste. If you have a large fish, an acceptable compromise is to remove the head and simply slit the body with a sharp knife, leaving the bones in. It will cook exactly like a fillet, and taste much better.

Up to this point, you have cleaned your fish beautifully, but you have not washed it, and you are not going to, because washing a fish in running water removes some of its marvelous taste thru osmotic action. (No need to go into the physical chemistry principles of this, here). You "wash" the fish by sponging it off, inside and out, with towels wet in a cold solution of water and salt, about as salty as tears, or a little more so. (clean sea water would probably be ok, too.)

Now you wipe your fish dry and cook it, or else put it into the refrigerator to eat later, the sooner the better. It will undoubtedly be the best tasting fish you ever ate in your life.

If you are going to freeze it, take one more step. Oil the fish inside and out, paying special attention to the cut surfaces, with a neutral tasting oil like Wesson oil. (When you unwrap and thaw out the fish later, you simply wipe the oil off.) Your fish will taste better, because the oil has retarded oxidation.

Lastly, you wrap it carefully, label it and date it and place it in the freezer. Place the unfrozen packages with airspaces all around, so they freeze quickly.

And let me assure you, even 3 or 4 months later when you thaw out that fish, you will find it tastes much better than one you just got out of the store, or better even than the already spoiling fish that is fresh that some friend gave you, but never took any trouble to preserve.

One final suggestion: While you thaw out the frozen fish, after a few hours wrap the thin tail section in aluminum foil so it does not heat up and start to change flavor while the head is still half frozen.

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Captain Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** reported that the Queen hasn't been sailing much due to the bad weather and holidays that have been keeping the anglers away in droves. But when the weather has been good, the cod action has been likewise and the anglers are averaging four and five fish per man with the better anglers taking up to 10 and 12 fish each. The cod are now settled into all the areas they are supposed to be, with the wrecks southeast of Block Island producing the best catches. Filling out the bags of cod are quite a few pollack in the 15 pound class, mackerel, ling and whiting.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported that although the codfishing has been relatively good compared to many areas, there just isn't enough anglers willing to buck the weather for weekday codfishing. So during the months of January and February, the **Viking Star** will only be sailing on Saturday's, and Holidays at 5 A.M. for cod at Block Island Wrecks and Ledges.

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CAPTREE

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** reported that the codfishing can now be rated as fair, with anglers averaging about one cod per man. Scores for the days sailed during the week were Thursday 46, Friday 6, and Sunday 21 cod. A few whiting are mixed in the catches. Fishing has been all over with no fish concentrated in any one spot. Best bet has been along the 120 foot line.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** said that the fishing has been barely fair, with few anglers on the boat due to the rotten weather and holidays. Best day was on Thursday, when 25 cod were taken by only 18 anglers. There aren't even enough fish around now for the Russians, who haven't been seen in the area in a few weeks. Best fishing has been east of the NB Buoy in 115 to 120 feet of water.

The Lady Ann called to say that they are catching more cod now then there are fishermen on the boat which is an improvement fish wise. The boats in general are getting anywhere from 6 to 30 fish. Captain Neil says that the **Lady Ann** sailed Sunday on the 4 A.M. Special Cod Trip which resulted in 14 cod for 10 men. The pool fish ran 27 pounds. Three

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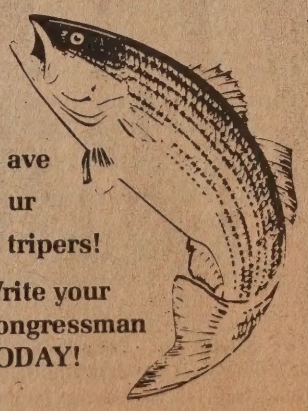
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cod were in the 20-25 lb. range while most were 10-20 lb. fish. There were a couple of 5 pounders. To add variety a few dozen jumbo whiting running 2½ to 3 pounds were also decked. This action was southeast of the inlet in 120 feet of water over mussel beds. The boat has another 4 A.M. special cod trip sailing Jan. 2nd. Call the **Lady Ann** for reservations.

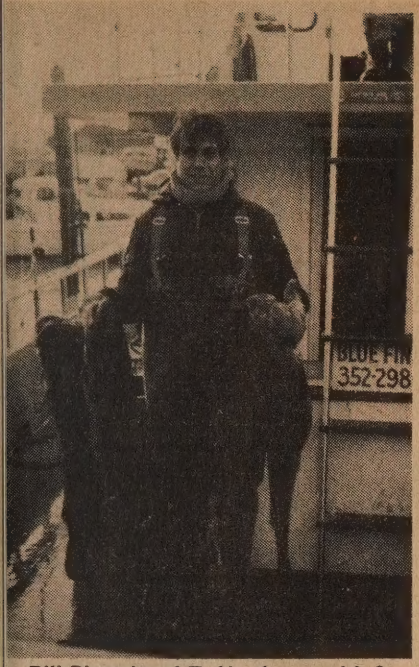
BELLMORE

Merrick Marine Supplies tells us that boiling it down to the essentials, there are cod being taken on the Fingers, which is the most likely hot spot for this codfishing season.

MERRICK

The infamous G. Korn will be back in action again soon after a period of inactivity brought about by the weather not being sunny and at 68 degrees. Having been taught from birth never to go out unless the weather was "nice", Korn is biding his time and will strike when Uncle Weatherbee gives him the nod.

This bluefish weighing 10 pounds was caught on the Helen H some time in late November. Charks Puccio Jr. from Flushing is the 16 year old angler. Subscriber Club Photo.



Bill Pizetzky of E. Northport with 2 of the 5 cod he caught on Capt. Cy Karlin's "Blue Fin II" out of Freeport on Sunday, 12/19. Bill was hi-hook for the day.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** eports that fishing is very good about 10 ninutes east of Ambrose with each man illing a bag with big Boston mackerel nd a bag of whiting. The two mates on oard also did some fishing and came up vith 300 pounds of mackerel.

The **Capt. Al** reports that he is getting ads of whiting, mackerel, ling and a ew cod in the 10-12 lb. range inshore off ong Beach.

Capt. Dave of the **Lucky Strike III** ould like to wish all fellow anglers a appy and prosperous New Year.

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Capt. Harold of the **Chief** wishes all shermen a Happy New Year and good ortune in their fishing.

The **New Eagle** reports that the fishing very good northeast of Ambrose Tower nd his customers are loading up on the bundant amount of whiting and mack-rel.

The **Helen H** is in the shipyard getting heated rail installed to make her ustomers more comfortable.

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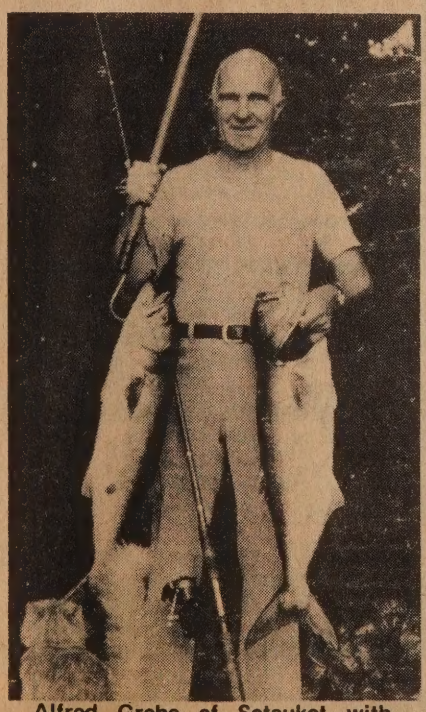

Alfred Grebe of Setauket with bluefish of 12 lbs. and 14 lbs. taken around July '76 inside the narrow inlet to Stony Brook. Subscribers Club Photo.

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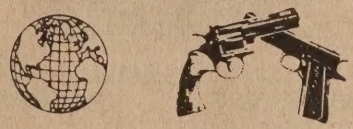

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

SELDEN

Ken Freeman at the **Angler's Den** said he felt there were some schoolies available at the power plant but factual reports were hard to come by because most fellows were concentrating on Christmas shopping. As usual, last week was nothing to brag about, weatherwise. See you next year!

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** said fellows are still getting bass at the power plant in spite of the weather. The one-half ounce Whiptail is good down there. Fish are all school size with the average bass going 18-19 inches. Some flounders are available in this same spot but you have to use frozen clams for bait as fresh worms are very scarce at this time of the year. As we reported last week, there's no flounder bonanza going on at the hot water.

NEW ROCHELLE

Capt. Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VI** said he didn't get out most of last week due to high winds. Last Thursday the boats that did go out found mackerel mixed in with the whiting. Codfishing out in the ocean is very chancy right now according to Pete. As of this writing, it's not worth the long haul.

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STICKY FEET

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boots up-side down so the soles are up and positioned securely on a hard surface. Now take a rasp and score the surface where the felt is to be applied. If your particular boots are new or have some cleats remaining, these must be rasped down. It is possible to buy a metal disc with teeth which fits into an electric drill for this step. Just be careful you don't get carried away and go too deep thereby cutting the boot so that it leaks. Remember that the heel gets covered also, so rasp it down too but you do not do the instep. When the cleats are knocked down do not try and smooth the surface, leave it rough so the glue is able to get a purchase.

Lay your piece of felt on a flat surface, trace the outline of each boot on the felt and cut out with a razor blade. You do not have to be to exact here just as long as the cut-out is large enough to extend to all the edges. You can trim the edges later with a razor blade. You will have to make two tracings for each foot. The sole of the boot as far back as the instep and the heel. Don't try to cover the boot with one piece and don't come too far back into the instep area. Bring the felt back to about where the original cleats stopped on the sole.

Now smear the cement on the surface of the boot to be covered and also on the side of the felt to be placed against the boot. Apply cement liberally and allow to set awhile. According to the label you have five minutes to four hours. Whatever, let it get tacky.

This glue is extremely flammable, so make sure you have adequate ventilation.

When the cement is ready, carefully place the felt in place. Take a hammer and pound the entire surface in order to assure complete contact on both surfaces. When you stop sucking your thumb from a misdirected swing of the hammer, take a spool of nylon line or a suitable substitute and wind around the foot of the boot. Pull each wrap as tight as possible and try to cover all edges. Put your waders aside where they will not be disturbed and let dry for at least 24 hours. If you are in no rush leave them trussed up longer.

All that remains to finish the job is to unwind and trim off the edges with a razor blade.

This method of applying felt can also be used to cover the soles of sneakers for those of you inclined towards using the wet suit.

These felts are not a cure all for preventing falls from slippery rocks. Caution must still be excercised at any time when you are on precarious footing. Go slow and try to feel your way until you can determine how much purchase you have with your footing. Remember the rod you save my be your own.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR	2:47	2:12	4:01	4:16	3:38	3:56	4:50	5:14	6:12	7:44	6:24	6:53	2:51	3:12	12/30
FRI	3:43	3:09	4:50	5:06	4:31	4:54	5:37	6:04	8:03	8:35	7:17	7:46	3:44	4:03	12/31
SAT	4:38	5:02	5:39	5:54	5:26	5:47	6:22	6:49	8:50	9:22	8:08	8:37	4:34	4:53	1/1
SUN	5:26	5:50	6:23	6:39	6:11	6:33	7:02	7:31	9:30	10:02	8:55	9:22	5:19	5:40	1/2
MON	6:08	6:35	7:03	7:19	6:53	7:15	7:38	8:09	10:01	10:36	9:38	10:05	6:03	6:23	1/3
TUE	6:49	7:14	7:42	7:58	7:31	7:57	8:18	8:48	10:25	10:58	10:20	10:47	6:45	7:06	1/4
WED	7:26	7:54	8:19	8:38	8:08	8:36	8:55	9:27	10:48	11:20	11:00	11:26	7:26	7:49	1/5
THUR	8:05	8:32	8:57	9:15	8:45	9:14	9:31	10:05	11:20	11:49	11:39	—	8:08	8:31	1/6

How To Use Tide Tables

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 [illegible]
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

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Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

12/6	7:13	4:29
12/11	7:18	4:28
12/16	7:22	4:29
12/21	7:25	4:31
12/26	7:27	4:34

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
12/21	12/28	12/6	12/14

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	6:05	**12:25**	6:35	**12:55**
FRI.	7:10	**1:25**	7:35	**1:50**
SAT.	8:05	**2:20**	8:30	**2:45**
SUN.	9:00	**3:10**	9:20	**3:35**
MON.	9:50	**4:00**	10:10	**4:25**
TUES.	10:40	**4:50**	11:00	**5:10**
WED.	11:25	**5:30**	11:40	**5:50**
THURS.	—	**6:10**	12:05	**6:30**

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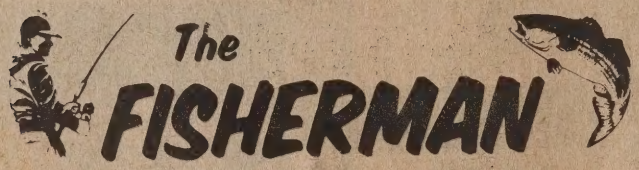

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